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Nixon Freezes Federal Housing Subsidy Grants

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which are necessary to meet statutory or other specific program commitments will be approved in the coming months," he said.

Romney said only subsidized housing and redevelopment programs will be affected. These will include those programs providing interest subsidies and rent supplements for low cost housing authorized in sections 235 and 236 of the national housing acts.

Though Romney did not confirm it, earlier speculation was that the freeze could last 18 months.

In both housing and redevelopment, a moratorium of that length will not affect Santa Rosa, according to Urban Renewal Director James Burns.

He said both the Lamplighter Inn and Salvation Army senior citizens complexes, both subsidized, already have federal committments to them.

The next planned government-aided housing, in South Park, isn't planned to get under way until after the rumored 18 month halt expires, Burns said.

He also said the government is firmly committed to urban renewal funds, for this year and next, that will complete the downtown redevelopment project.

"We need a realignment of federal, state, local and private responsibility in meeting our national housing goals and community development needs," he said. "Sound policies and programs should be based on encouraging and maximizing private effort."

He said the President has also ordered a stop to commitments for water and sewer grants, open space grants and public facility loans until those programs are put into a special revenue sharing program.

Rep. Wright Patman, D-Tex., chairman of the house Banking and Currency Committee, said a congressional fight is likely if Nixon carries out the freeze. He also attended the convention.

Patman made his statement to newsmen when asked about the rumored hold before Romney made the actual announcement.

"My committee will try to get the order rescinded," he said. "I don't know of anything we can do except fight. And fight we will because we've got to, and I think we're going to win."

In New York, Civil rights activist Roy Wilkins warned Monday of a possible "national disaster of crisis proportions" in housing and blamed the Nixon administration for the crisis.

Wilkins, executive director of the NAACP, the nation's largest civil rights organization, said the administration's "reduction in funds for housing subsidies and the weakness in civil rights enforcement are merely the seeds of what may soon become a national disaster of crisis proportions in housing."

Wilkins told some 200 delegates at the NAACP annual meeting, "Not only is the Negro American community under attack in public education but in the most difficult field of housing it is being pinned down by the mortar fire of discrimination in shelter."

Citing what he termed "the lack of moral leadership in the White House," Wilkins charged Monday that Nixon launched a "siege" against the black community in 1972.

He also charged the Nixon administration had retreated on every civil rights issue, including housing, education and employment.

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LAIRD (R) BEFORE HIS LAST REPORT
Rep. F. Edward Hebert Greets Him

Attack 'Deeply Hurts' Sec. Laird

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frustration at their inability to elicit straight answers.

Called before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee in 1970 to account for the abortive rescue effort behind enemy lines by helicopter-borne commandoes on a prisoner of war camp in North Vietnam, Laird maintained that "only a camera that can see through rooftops," would have spotted the absence of POWs—or anyone else—there. The senators finally gave up trying to get Laird to admit an intelligence failure.

Monday, Laird went to Capitol Hill for his swan song before his old cronies on the House Armed Services Committee. He will be leaving the Pentagon Jan. 20 for private life—some believe to make a race for the Senate from Wisconsin.

Just after noon, the questioning came round to Rep. Robert Leggett, D-Calif. He said Laird had done a fine job—something Democrats could never have done—in arranging for the Strategic Arms Limitation Treaty with the Soviet Union.

But then, Leggett—seated on the corner seat in the upper row of the two-tiered committee table—told Laird:

"Overall, I would rate you as a minus." He said Vietnam was a "bum war" and "we don't really know where we're going."

Furthermore, said Leggett, Laird was in effect claiming that a 2 per cent loss rate for B52s was good because the Pentagon had expected a 5 per cent loss rate. "If you say that, I say you're still idiotic."

Laird sat with his hands folded like a schoolboy on the table before him.

"I'm deeply hurt," he said. "...I will only say I regret one death, one casualty. But when I took office, casualties were running to 300 a week. I will not be satisfied until they are zero."

Reacting to additional charges of poor shipyard management by Leggett, Laird today set in motion investigations of at least two west coast shipyards.

Leggett specifically criticized the management of shipyards building navy vessels.

"An investigation will go forward immediately," Laird replied. "I will find out from my associates the yards you have visited, and I can assure you that beginning with the California shipyards an investigation will begin tomorrow."

Laird said later he learned after he left the hearing that Leggett's office had been informed 15 minutes before the hearing there would be a 900-person layoff at the Mare Island Naval Shipyard in Vallejo, Leggett's home town.

Laird said two such shipyards already had been identified. He declined to identify them.

New Orleans Fears 2nd Sniper Escaped

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the lobby and searched until they got to the top.

When they finished, they switched jobs and started again. The five-hour search turned up nothing.

"The search has been completed," police information deputy Ben Bourgeois said. "The search was very, very intensive. No one was found."

Giarrusso remained certain more than one sniper was involved.

"I believe there were two or possibly more snipers," he said. "We have killed one of them. I believe at present, from evidence gathered, that there is another sniper."

But patrolman David Huber said "I think there was only one sniper. There can't be anyone in there. There is no way he could have gotten off the roof."

Police declined to identify the dead man until they get an FBI report on his fingerprints.

On Monday police still were reporting the second man was firing back at them.

When a helicopter fired at the rooftop Monday morning, Sgt. Frederick "Silky" O'Sullivan reported a second sniper returned the fire.

"He popped at us and we popped back," O'Sullivan said. "We don't know what we did to him."

Mayor Moon Landrieu, who said he was convinced that two snipers were involved, said the sniper or snipers are part of a group of "suicidal and revolutionary criminals in sections of the county (who) have taken overt action which has taken life and property."

He urged residents of the holiday city—home of the Mardi Gras and the Sugar Bowl—to stay inside their homes after dark and threatened the city with a curfew, an action that would have severe economic effects on the city's French Quarter.

"I trust that these measures will not have to be invoked but I assure you that I will not hesitate to call upon these powers should it become necessary," Landrieu said.

Kissinger, Tho Meet For 6 Hours in Icy Atmosphere

PARIS (UPI) — Henry Kissinger and Le Duc Tho met for six hours today in the same icy atmosphere that characterized the opening of their 23rd round of talks aimed at ending the Vietnam war.

Peace conference sources said the two would meet again Wednesday at a North Vietnamese villa in suburban Gif-sur-Yvette.

There were no handshakes and few smiles and at no time did the two sides appear together today. The Americans, hosts for today's session, did not publicly greet the North Vietnamese nor bid them farewell after today's talks which brought to 10 ½ hours the time Kissinger and Tho have negotiated in their latest attempt to end the Vietnam war.

Radio Hanoi, monitored in Saigon, accused the United States of planning "new military adventures." The Communist radio cited American reconaissance flights over Hanoi and Haiphong as evidence.

Also in Saigon, an American military source said U.S. jets have authorization to bomb North Vietnamese antiaircraft sites north of the 20th parallel if U.S. bombers come under attack operating south of the 20th parallel. The source said this was only a continuation of the old "protective reaction strike" policy in effect when bombing of North Vietnam was suspended between 1968 and last spring.

Today's talks started at 10 a.m. at the villa of an American millionaire industrialist at Saint-Nom-la-Breteche, situated on a golf course outside Paris.

The scenario was precisely the reverse of Monday's meeting, hosted by the North Vietnamese. Today, the American delegation led by Kissinger arrived first and went straight inside. When the North Vietnamese party arrived in limousines at 9:58 a.m., neither Kissinger nor any of his aides came out to greet them.

A truck brought food for lunch. Halfway through the session, Kissinger's top assistant, William H. Sullivan drove off towards Paris.

Nixon Turns 60 Today

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that the burdens of the office cause a breakdown in health," he said. "Boredom is more likely to cause health and emotional problems."

"And," he added, "You never get bored in the presidency."

The President philosophized about growing old in an interview Monday in his hideaway office in the Executive Office Building next door to the White House. Under pre-set ground rules, the conversation was restricted to the subject of his birthday.

"I'm blessed with good health," he said, and remarked that when he is at Camp David he tries to swim every day. He even took a plunge in the outdoor heated pool at the mountaintop retreat Sunday when it was five below zero.

The President said he did not want to "build up" his birthday, but he expected to get a "pretty good kidding" tonight when the family gathers for a celebration. Two of the family's closest friends, Charles G. "Bebe" Rebozo, Nixon's Key Biscayne, Fla., neighbor and Rose Mary Woods, his personal secretary also have been invited.

Nixon passed the word that he did not want any birthday gifts. But he admitted with a smile: "I need ties. I can only wear them once or twice."

White House Press Secretary Ronald L. Ziegler said that Nixon was speaking "half in jest" but his ties do get overexposed because "a lot of people see them."

The President is looking forward to his final four years in the White House and predicted: "They will be very interestings and will provide great opportunities to do many things. What more could anyone ask?"

Recalling the advanced age of many world leaders, including the late Winston Churchill, Konrad Adenauer and Charles de Gaulle, the President said they all had one thing in common: "These older men were still alert and they did not look back. They did not live in the past. They lived in the future."

'Death Is Patient's Right'

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friend if it is unadvisable for the patient himself to receive it. In all cases, it was stated, the patient must be provided with the names of all physicians responsible for coordinating his care.

Point 3 says, "The patient has the right to obtain from his physician information necessary to give informed consent prior to the start of any procedure or treatment." Further, he must be made aware of all alternatives to the treatment suggested by his doctor, the document said.

The patient's bill of rights released from AHA headquarters here, also includes:

—Every patient's right to emergency service in every hospital, even if a particular institution feels its facilities are unsuitable. The accompanying paper says a woman's hospital has no right to refuse a man emergency service. This point would appear likely to bring the AHA into conflict with the many hospitals run for profit that presently refuse emergency cases on the grounds they are not equipped to handle such situations.

—A patient must be informed if a hospital into which he has been admitted is affiliated with a medical school university. The explanatory document says poor people fear their being used as guinea pigs in a university hospital and even regard such hospitals as "a point of no return."

—The patient holds the right to be advised if the hospital proposes to engage in or perform human experimentation affecting his care or treatment.

—The patient's right to every consideration of his privacy concerning his own medical care program, and his right to expect all communications and records pertaining to his care to remain confidential.

—A complete explanation of all charges regardless of who pays them.

SECRET WITNESS

Investigation Team Grows

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hitchhike to her classes at Santa Rosa Junior College. She was described as five feet five inches, 120 pounds, slender build, brown eyes, and shoulder-length straight black hair, and was wearing a brown sweater, blue jeans and sandals.

Information on the girls may be sent to the Secret Witness program according to the instructions on the sample letter accompanying this article.

Donations to the reward fund may also be sent to Secret Witness Fund, Box 569, Santa Rosa, 95402.

Sheriff's detectives were sent to Sacramento last week to interview an individual in connection with Kim Allen's death, but officials said the information uncovered was negative in that it eliminated a rumor they were checking.

This is how the last page of your "Secret Witness" letter should look after you have typed or printed your information about a crime.

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One Person

Discussing the cases of the four girls, whose bodies or remains have been found, sheriff's officers speculated on the possibility a single person could be responsible for all four deaths.

Sheriff Don Striepeke last week said it may be significant that all four girls were found along narrow roads in remote areas of the county, where there was only a narrow shoulder and no wide turn-out for traffic to stop.

The implication was that whoever threw the girls' bodies off the embankments apparently chose spots where cars would not be expected to stop because of being too close to traffic on the road.

All four girls were found by people on foot or bicycles, who just happened to be in the three separate areas.

There are further similarities in that all four girls were apparently nude when their bodies were thrown down the steep banks, that three of them were around 13 years of age, and that all four of them may have been hitchhiking when they disappeared.

Since the cases have received wide coverage in the news media, there has been a marked drop in the number of hitchhikers seen along Sonoma County roads — and almost a complete absence of young girl hitchhikers.

Officials said Kim Allen was last seen hitchhiking in San Rafael ... Lori Lee Kursa was known to have hitchhiked many times before she disappeared ... Yvonne Weber and Maureen Sterling were reportedly looking for a ride to meet someone at a Santa Rosa bowling alley the night they disappeared and may have been seen getting into a vehicle on Guerneville Road ... and Jeannette Kamahele left home to hitchhike to Santa Rosa.

Key Demos Vow Health Bill Fight

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the smaller percentage of deduction.

In addition, the program would use government money now being spent on state medi-Cal and federal Medicare. These programs in California would be virtually replaced by the Moscone plan.

Moretti's proposal will be less expensive, probably not exceeding $2 billion. As tentatively drafted, the state would approve several health maintenance plans offering uniform benefits. Citizens could choose the one they wanted, if any.

Joerger New Board Chairman

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in open session.

In addition to the selection of a chairman, board members were assigned "liaison" duties. Each supervisor will serve as a "liaison" with several county department and is responsible for working closely with each.

There were no major changes in the liaison assignments. Hinkle was given the airport, mental health department and the juvenile justice commission as well as a host of "alternate" duties.

Robert Theiller was reaffirmed as the county's representative to the regional coastal commission.

Vella took the county fair liaison and Joerger the road department.

It will be Joerger's first term as chairman of the board. He was elected in 1970.

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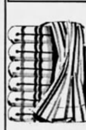

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